SEP 2 9 7003 Y



1.CE/3612-A

PTO/SB/30 (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB cost of such as a collection of information unless it displays as a collection of

REQUEST

## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231

ellection of information unless it	displays a valid OMB control	number.
Application Number	10/081,752	7
Filing Date	February 21, 2002	Va
First Named Inventor	Mario Vismara	1/4
Art Unit	3612	C.
Examiner Name	Coletta, Lori L	$\overline{\gamma}$
Attorney Docket Number	163-381	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 a. Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on July 7, 2003 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_ iii. b. Enclosed iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Amendment/Reply Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) The commence of the second Miscellaneous | Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) b. Dther Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments OCT 0 2 2003 Deposit Account No. 08-1540 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) GROUP 36d0 Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) iii. U Other b. Check in the amount of \$ 375.00 and \$ 55.00 enclosed c. | Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Name Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) James V. Costigan Signature September 26, 2003 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below. James V. Costigan Name (Print/Type) Date September 26, 2003 Signature

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.

09/30/2003 MBELETE1 00000031 10081752